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MRBM COMPLEX, USSR  
FIXED FIELD SITE

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**KURGANCHA MRBM COMPLEX, USSR**  
**FIXED FIELD SITE**

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Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Kurgancha MRBM Launch Site 2) Type I 39-37-15N 65-54-00E [REDACTED]

Launch Area No 2 (TDI name: Kurgancha MRBM Launch Site No 1) Type I 39-37-30N 65-57-15E [REDACTED]

Launch Area No 3 (TDI name: Tym MRBM Launch Site) Type IV 39-35-15N 65-52-15E [REDACTED]

Kurgancha Fixed Field MRBM Site (TDI name: Kurgancha SSM Fixed Field Position) 39-41-35N 65-59-00E

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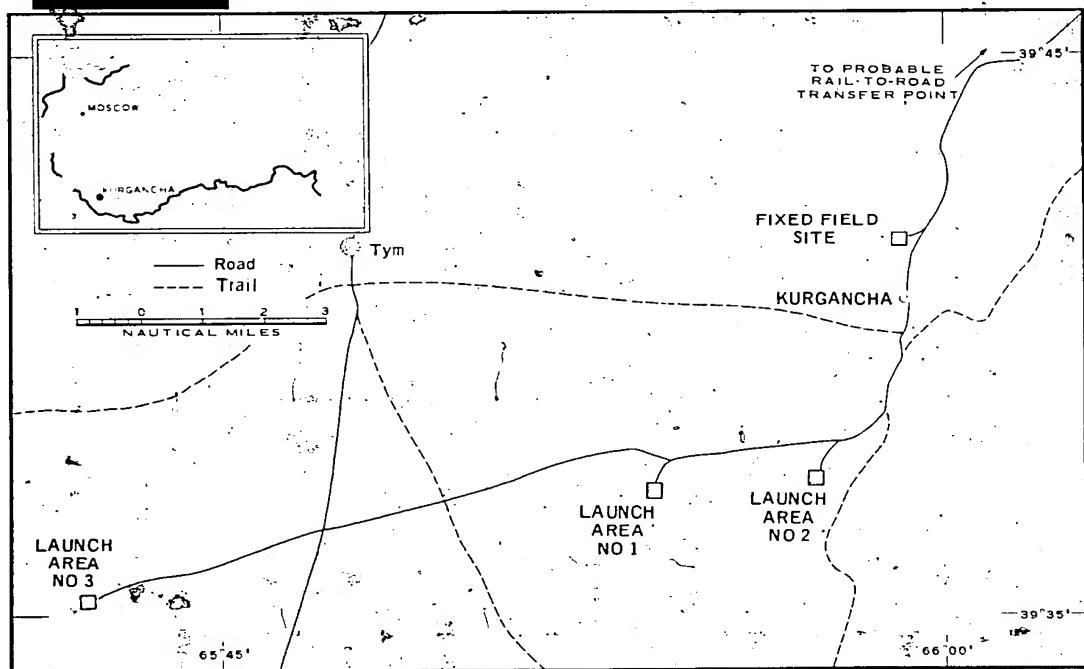


FIGURE 1. KURGANCHA MRBM COMPLEX, USSR.

This report, based on KEYHOLE photography, supplements NPIC/R-26/64, 1, which discusses the Kurgancha MRBM Complex (Figure 1), which previously consisted of 2 Type I and 1 Type IV MRBM launch areas.

Kurgancha Fixed Field Site is situated in a semiarid, sparsely populated region at approxi-

mately 2,000 feet elevation. The field site is 5 nautical miles (nm) north-northeast of Launch Area No 2, 8 nm northeast of Launch Area No 1 and 14 nm (straight line) northeast of Launch Area No 3. In addition, the field site is 1 nm north of Kurgancha and 45 nm west of Samarkand, USSR (Figure 1).

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**25X1D** The fixed field site was first seen in [REDACTED] when it consisted of a fenced area and 2 roads inside of and extending the length of the fenced area. No activity was observed.

**25X1D** The field site was next seen in [REDACTED] when the vehicle revetments had been prepared. Construction in the area of the launch pads could not be observed. Two buildings could be seen within the launch site, the first measuring approximately 40 by 30 feet was just inside the first security fence and the second measuring approximately [REDACTED] square was just inside the second security fence. Both buildings are adjacent to the access road and probably are used for security purposes. No activity could be observed within the launch area on this mission.

**25X1D** The field site was seen again in [REDACTED]  
**25X1D**, when no significant changes were observed.

**25X1D** When seen in [REDACTED] the launch pads were cleared and probably

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usable. No additional changes were observed.

The next coverage in [REDACTED] revealed no significant changes within the launch facilities.

The fixed field site was next seen in [REDACTED] when approximately 30 probable tent bases, which measure approximately [REDACTED] square, were observed 500 feet east-southeast of the entrance to the field site (Figures 2 and 3).

In review of previous photo coverages the outline of the tent bases could be seen as early as [REDACTED]. A large unidentified object could be seen on each launch position (Figure 2). The field site can be negated with [REDACTED].

The rail-to-road transfer point for the fixed field site probably is located in Katta-Kurgan, which is the nearest rail line. Katta-Kurgan is 19 nm (road distance) from the Kurgancha fixed field site over a loose-surfaced, secondary road network.

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